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## **Joint Expeditionary Taskings**

The Air Force provides vital capabilities to the Joint team in support of the Global War on Terror. Part of the missions and capabilities we deliver have until recently fallen into a broad category of tasks designated as "In-Lieu-Of" (ILO). The Department of Defense enacted several changes to Joint terminology in October 2008, replacing most ILO designations with other terms that more accurately describe the nature of the tasks.

With the introduction of these new DoD terms, the Air Force is launching the term "Joint Expeditionary Tasking" (JET) to describe the critical nature of the work Airmen are performing within the Joint team. Currently, there are a little more than 4,000 Airmen supporting JET.

The following are some facts about JET:

- In nearly all cases Airmen are filling jobs very similar to their Air Force jobs, duties which are within their core competencies. In 80 percent of the cases, Airmen are doing the same job they would be doing in the Air Force
- Nearly all force sourcing requirements being filled by our Airmen fall into Air Force core capabilities or competencies or involve us doing something for which no service has listed as a capability or competency
- Examples of JET include security forces cops guarding detainees, enlisted transportation personnel driving convoy trucks across the desert and civil engineers rebuilding infrastructure in Afghanistan

Airmen working JET are excited and motivated to perform their mission. Many of them are volunteers and many more wait impatiently for the opportunity to fill these critical roles. They are doing an incredible job and we should celebrate their accomplishments and recognize that working JET gives them invaluable joint war-fighting experience.

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